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SUBJECT: CHANCERY SITE TROUBLES

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1. CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION DECIDED IN MEETING SEPTEMBER 28 NOT TO ACCEPT OFFER OF PURCHASE BY BULGARIAN EMBASSY. BISHOP CREIGHTON HAS SINCE ADVISED THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY OF THE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION'S DECISION. ACTION WAS BASED UPON ASSOCIATION'S BELIEF THAT REZONING THE PROPERTY WOULD TAKE 18 MONTHS TO THREE YEARS IN ADDITION TO THE TIME SPENT FIGHTING OFF POSSIBLE LEGAL SUITS AND OTHER HARASSMENT FROM AREA RESIDENTS. CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT IN THAT SAME TIME IT CAN FIND SUITABLE BUYER AND FACE FAR - - FEWER OBSTACLES TO COMPLETING THE SALE.

2. DEPARTMENT IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER POSSIBLE SITES THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY HAS IN MIND. HOWEVER, THEIR SELECTED PLOTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CHANCERY PROJECT ON VAN NESS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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